

IN THE CLAIMS

1-6 (canceled)

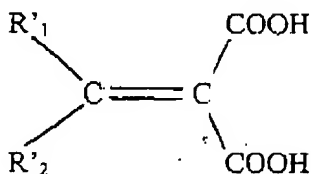
7. (currently amended); Compounds having general formula (I'):



(I')

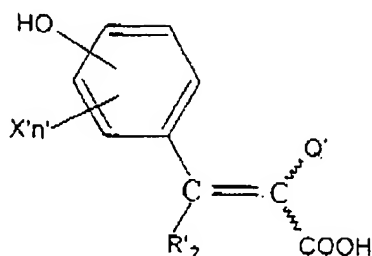
wherein:

- A' represents the bibasic ion of an organic acid which has the meanings (A'₁)-(A'₇);
- Cu represents the copper 2+ ion;
- (A'₁)-(A'₇) respectively represent the following carboxylic acids:
 - (A'₁):



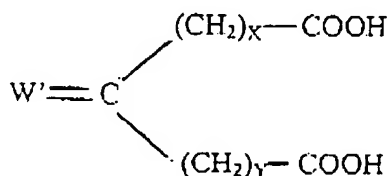
wherein:

- R'₁ represents an aryl group optionally substituted;
- R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom;
- (A'₂):



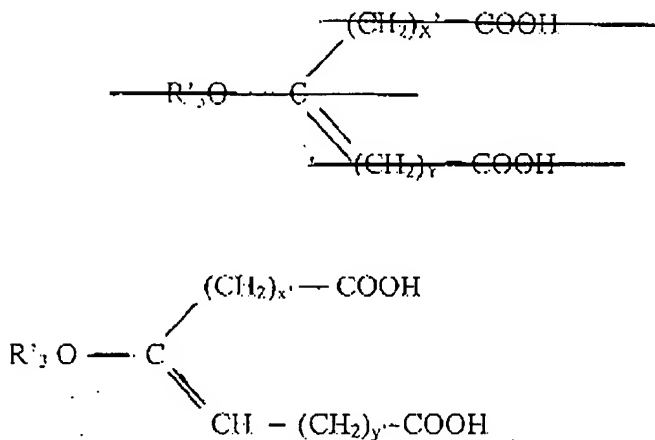
wherein:

- X' represents a hydrogen or halogen atom; a hydroxyl group; a C₁-C₆ alkoxyl group, linear or branched, optionally substituted;
- n' can have the value of 1 or 2;
- R'₂ represents a hydrogen atom;
- Q' represents a hydrogen atom; a C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, linear or branched, optionally substituted; an acetyl group; a cyano group;
- (A'₃):



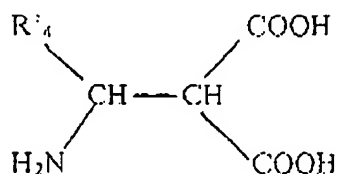
wherein:

- W' represents an oxygen atom;
- x' and y' both have the value of 1;
- (A' ₄):



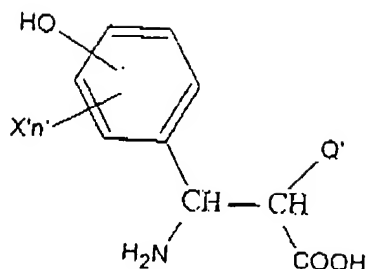
wherein:

- R' ₃ represents a C₁-C₃ alkyl group, linear or branched;
- x' is equal to 1 and y' is equal to 0;
- (A' ₅):



wherein:

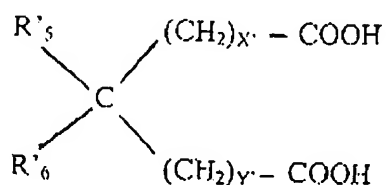
- R' ₄ represents an aryl group, optionally substituted;
- (A' ₆):



wherein:

- X' represents a hydrogen or halogen atom; a hydroxyl group; a C₁-C₆ alkoxyl group, linear or branched, optionally substituted;
- n' can have the value of 1 or 2;
- Q' represents a hydrogen atom; a C₁-C₆ alkoxy carbonyl group, linear or branched, optionally substituted; an acetyl group; a cyano group;

• (A' 7):



wherein:

- R'5 represents a C₁-C₆ alkoxyl group, linear or branched;
- R'6 represents a hydrogen atom;
- x' is equal to 0 and y' is equal to 1.

8 (original): The compounds according to claim 7, characterized in that they are selected from:

- copper (II) salt of 4-chlorobenzylidenemalonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3,4-dimethoxybenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-fluorobenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-trifluoromethylbenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-dimethylaminobenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 2,4-dichlorobenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-bromobenzylidene malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene malonic acid monomethyl ester;
- copper (II) salt of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxybenzylidene malonic acid monoethyl ester;
- copper (II) salt of 2-cyano-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 2-acetyl-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 2-aminocarbonyl-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propenoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)-2-

methoxycarbonyl-2-butenic acid;

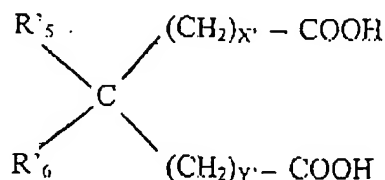
- copper (II) salt of 4-hydroxy-3-methoxycinnamic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 2-hydroxycinnamic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-hydroxycinnamic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 4-hydroxycinnamic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-ketoglutaric acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-methoxy-2-pentendioic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-carboxy-3-(4-chlorophenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-carboxy-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-carboxy-3-(4-trifluoromethyl phenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-carboxy-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-carboxy-3-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-3-(2-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-3-(4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-cyano-3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)propanoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-amino-2-cyano-3-(4-hydroxy-3-

methoxy phenyl)propanoic acid;

- copper (II) salt of 2-methoxysuccinic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 2-ethoxysuccinic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-(2-furyl)-2-carboxypropenoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-(2-thiazolyl)-2-carboxypropenoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of 3-benzylidene-2-carboxypropenoic acid;
- copper (II) salt of diallylmalonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of ethylphenyn malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of bis(2-cyanoethyl)malonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of N-morpholinemalonic acid;
- copper (II) salt of N-benzyloxyimino malonic acid.

9-19. (canceled)

20. (New): A compound of the formula:



wherein:

- R'₅ represents a C₁-C₆ alkoxyl group, linear or branched;
- R'₆ represents a hydrogen atom;
- x' is equal to 0 and y' is equal to 1.

21. (New): A compound according to claim 20 which is the copper (II) salt of 2-methoxysuccinic acid.

22. (New): A compound according to claim 20 which is the copper (II) salt of 2-ethoxysuccinic acid.

23. (New): A compound according to claim 20 which is the copper (II) salt of 2-isopropoxysuccinic acid.